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Sketch From the Heart

I JOINED THE ART CLUB LATE--IN THE SECOND SEMESTER. THAT MUST SOUND HALF-HEARTED,

BUT THE REASON I JOINED WAS THAT I ADMIRED THE WINNING PAINTING IN THE SCHOOL'S SPRING ART CONTEST

...WELL, THAT WAS PART OF IT.

Hoshiai Hiro

IT WAS ALSO BECAUSE WATCHING THE ARTIST, TACHI-SAN,

AS SHE SAT WORKING ALONE IN THE ART ROOM AT DUSK,

MADE MY HEART RACE.

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, SAKURA-CHAN.
E-EHEHE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU EVER JOIN THE ART CLUB BEFORE?
SketchBook
OH, NOBODY ELSE IN MY CLASS JOINED, SO...
READY TO GO?
LET'S GET ICE CREAM!
HOW ABOUT YOU, YOUHA?
OH... I
WANT TO FINISH THIS UP, SO I'M GOING TO STAY A LITTLE WHILE LONGER

BUT IN PERSON, SHE'S QUIET, SUBDUED
AND MYSTE-RIOUS
TACHI-SAN
PAINTS SUCH INTENSE PICTURES
I'M GOING BACK TO SCHOOL TO GRAB IT REAL QUICK!
SORRY... I JUST REALIZED I FORGOT SOMETHING
THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE
OH SHE'S ALL ALONE IN THE ART ROOM NOW

YEAH.
OOH,
A WORK IN PROGRESS ...
NOT LIKE I DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW THAT, THOUGH!
O- .. OH, YOU'RE STILL HERE.
WOW ...
HEY, WANT TO WALK HOME TOGETHER?
.....
OKAY.

HEY, YOU'RE A GOOD ARTIST, TACHI-SAN.
I... I AM?
S-... SO I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D BE WILLING TO TEACH ME...
T-... TEACH YOU?
BUT I'M NOTHING SPECIAL
THAT'S NOT TRUE! YOUR PAINTINGS ARE AMAZING!
I FELL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!
She's cool AND so cold
YEAH!
YOUR PAINTING... IN THE CONTEST... WAS AMAZING.
..TH-
THANKS...

THERE'S A PICTURE I JUST HAVE TO PAINT FOR THE NEXT CONTEST ..
SO... PLEASE TEACH ME A LOT.
O-OKAY

YOU-HAAA!!
LOOK, LOOK! MY PARENTS GOT ME SOME TRANSPARENT WATERCOLORS ♡
Already calling her by her first name with no honor fic
GAH
THE RULES MIGHT SAY WE HAVE TO USE OPAQUE WATERCOLORS.

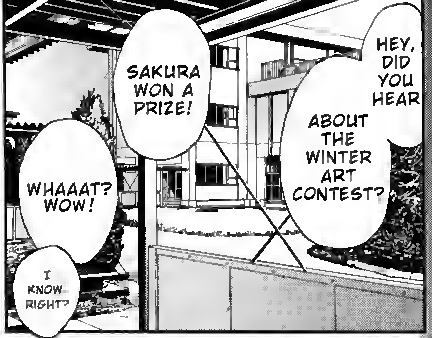
I DON'T THINK MATERIALS MATTER, THOUGH...
IT'S NOT BAD TO START WITH TECHNIQUE,
BUT PAINTING... ISN'T ABOUT THE MATERIALS YOU USE.

RIGHT, THEN!
Y-...
YEA-H.
clasp
.....
YOU MEAN YOU SHOULD PAINT FROM THE HEART?
FROM THE HEART, HUH...?
HOW CAN YOU PAINT SUCH POWERFUL PICTURES, YOUHA?
YOU'RE SO SUBDUED..
I'M—
YOUHA REALLY IS A MYSTERY.
SO CLOSE TO HER NOW, BUT I STILL CAN'T TE- HER HOW I FEEL
SO IS... PAINTING IS SOMETHING YOU DO FROM THE HEART, THEN...

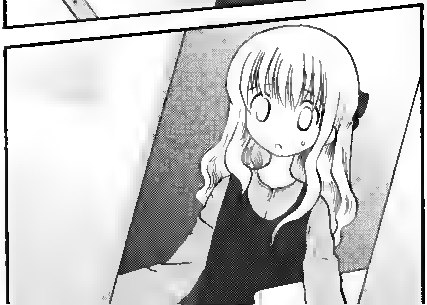
DID YOU JUST GET HOME?
HURRY UP AND MAKE ME DINNER.
... SORRY.
I WILL!
MAKE IT QUICK!
"HOW CAN YOU PAINT SUCH..."

WANT TO COME OVER TODAY?
C'MON, IT'S A SATUR-DAY
OH . . OKAY,
JUST FOR A BIT
YAY! ♪

I'M HOME!
HUUUH? NO!
...I HAD MY SUSPICIONS, BUT..
YOUR PARENTS ARE LOADED, AREN'T THEY...?
WELCOME HOME..
OH, ARE YOU YOUHA-CHAN, DEAR?
HOW DO YOU DO...?
I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.
MO-OM!
C'MON, STOP IT!!
YOUR ART IS ALL SHE EVER TALKS ABOUT THESE DAYS...


HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE WINTER ART CONTEST?
SAKURA WON A PRIZE!
WHAAAT? WOW!
I KNOW, RIGHT?

WHAT ABOUT YOUHA?



I HEARD ABOUT THE CONTEST
CONGRATULATIONS
sigh
TH-... THANKS
UM..... I TRIED TO DRAW FROM THE HEART, JUST LIKE YOU TAUGHT ME .....
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THANKS. I MEAN IT.
SURE.
YOU DON'T NEED ME ANYMORE, DO YOU?
HUH?
AND I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO TEACH YOU...
ALL YOU WANTED WAS FOR ME TO TEACH YOU HOW TO PAINT.
HUH ...?
ALL I WANTED ...?

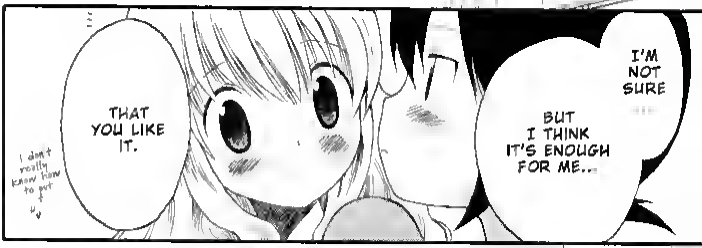
TH-... THAT'S NOT TRUE... I...
I WANTED TO BE YOUR FRIEND...
BUT THIS WAS ALL FOR THE CONTEST... RIGHT?
HUH ...?
THAT WAS WHY I ASKED IN THE BEGINNING... BUT...
SO... I DON'T REALLY
...WANT TO SEE YOU ANY-MORE.
SORRY ...
W-...
WAIT.
YOUHA... I...
...SORRY,
clench
BUT WHEN I'M WITH YOU,
I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO... PAINT THE WAY I USED TO

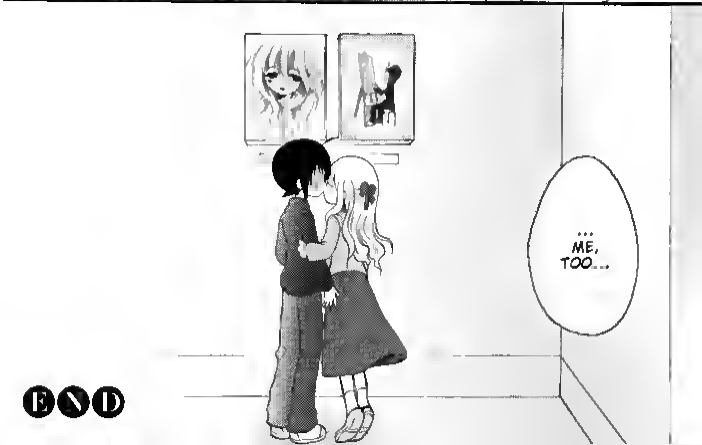
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY FEELINGS ...
NO... THAT'S NOT WHY.
BECAUSE... I GET IN THE WAY?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? YOU CAN'T PAINT WHEN I'M WITH YOU...
YOU TAUGHT ME ... THAT I SHOULD PAINT FROM THE HEART.
YOUHA —
WELL —
THIS IS... WHAT I PAINTED.
EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW HER
I'VE... WANTED TO PAINT YOU FOR A LONG TIME.
BUT . IT WAS TOO HARD TO ASK YOU TO MODEL FOR ME WHEN WE BARELY EVEN KNEW EACH OTHER ...
IN THE ART ROOM AT DUSK, I
SO IT IS TRUE... THAT I GOT CLOSE TO YOU... FOR THE SAKE OF MY ARTWORK ..
I'M SORRY

ALL THE PICTURES I PAINTED FROM THE HEART BEFORE—
REALLY DID...
LIKE YOU, YOUHA--TACHI-SAN...
BUT I...
THE PAINTING...
IS OVER-FLOWING WITH MY FEELINGS FOR HER?
I DID THEM BY HURLING MY IRRITATION AND MY HATRED
FOR MY DRUNKARD FATHER— AT THE CANVAS.
THEY WEREN'T THAT GOOD.
BUT
WHEN I BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOU...
SOMEHOW I COULDN'T
PAINT LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

YOUHA... DOES THAT MEAN .....
THIS ...
IS THE SORT OF PAINTING
MY HEART CREATES NOW ..
THEY ALL... TURN OUT TO BE YOU...
—SO ...
I DIDN'T SUBMIT ANY-THING ...
WHA-- ...
THE TWO PAINTINGS
SEEM TO
HAVE CAPTURED BOTH OF US AT OUR MOST BEAUTIFUL...
THAT'S A WONDERFUL PICTURE...!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU SUBMIT IT?!!
CAUSE IT'S EMBARRASSING

NO RESUBMISSIONS WERE ALLOWED IN THE CONTEST.
BUT YOUHA'S NEW PAINTING WAS HIGHLY PRAISED.
IF YOU'D ENTERED THAT PAINTING..
I'M SURE YOU WOULD'VE WON.
IT'S BEEN HANGING NEXT TO MINE ALL THIS TIME.
HM-MM.
WHAT?


I'M NOT SURE...
BUT I THINK IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME...
THAT YOU LIKE IT.
I don't really know how to put it


...ME, TOO...
END

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